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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the seventy-second regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. Some of those provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.18). The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to resolutions of the General Assembly relating to the revitalization of its work.[1]

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

3. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 40 of the rules of procedure and to document A/56/1005 (annex, paras. 9-10) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

4. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee. The Committee may wish to recall in particular subparagraphs (e) to (h), according to which the General Committee shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly; schedule informal briefings on topical issues; recommend to the Assembly a programme of, and format for, interactive debates on the items of its agenda; and consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects.

5. In subsequent resolutions on the revitalization of its work, the General Assembly stressed the importance of enhancing the role of the General Committee. By resolution 71/323, the General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 1898 (XVIII), 2837 (XXVI), 45/45, 51/241, 58/126 and 58/316, called upon the President of the General Assembly to make full use of the General Committee throughout the session with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

6. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the General Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made by means of a letter to the President (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 20).

B. Rationalization of work

7. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to relevant resolutions relating to the rationalization of work, including the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.[2]

[1] Resolutions 46/77, 47/233, 48/264, 51/241, 52/163, 55/285, 56/509, 57/300, 57/301, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 61/292, 62/276, 63/309, 64/301, 65/315, 66/294, 67/297, 68/307, 69/321, 70/305 and 71/323.

[2] Resolutions 41/213, 48/264, 52/12 B, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 63/309, 67/297, 68/307, 69/321, 70/305 and 71/323.

8. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads:

> As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.

9. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraphs 15 and 16 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly called upon the President of the General Assembly to closely consult with the General Committee and the Member States on the holding of interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, including with regard to the frequency and preliminary programme of such debates; and requested the President of the General Assembly to limit high-level meetings to current issues of critical importance to the international community, with the interest of the wider membership in mind and with a focus on the most vulnerable, while encouraging the allocation of events of a strictly sectoral or thematic nature to the six Main Committees.

10. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 26 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly emphasized that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-second session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

11. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 28 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly recalled the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council and the Assembly, as well as all other related forums, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and called for the continuation of such efforts during the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

12. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 29 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly requested the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to the reduction of such overlap.

13. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 30 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session to identify proposals, through consultations with all Member States and with the President of the Economic and Social Council, as well as through the convening of the General Committee, aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the report on the strategic alignment of future sessions of the General Assembly and other relevant inputs, for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-third session of the Assembly.

14. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 20 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly reaffirmed existing relevant mandates related to the improvement of the working methods of the Main Committees, including section C of the annex to resolution 58/316, paragraphs 7 to 13 of resolution 59/313, cluster III of the annex to resolution 60/286 and resolution 69/321, in particular paragraphs 16 and 17 thereof.

15. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate and that the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 31 and 36).

16. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 21 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly requested each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly during the seventy-second session on any best practices and lessons learned.

17. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 22 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly requested the Chairs of the Main Committees to organize handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to present a report to their successors on best practices and lessons learned.

18. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 24 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly called upon the six Chairs of the Main Committees to meet periodically during the General Assembly session to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees.

19. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 53 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly called upon all relevant intergovernmental bodies to review the need for and content of the *Journal* summaries of their meetings and other announcements, and to take the steps necessary with a view to ensuring a more streamlined format for the *Journal* of the United Nations.

20. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the relevant provision of resolution 71/323 concerning the interim arrangement adopted in decision 68/505 recommending the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions, as well as the guidelines on the election of Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees as contained in the annex to resolution 68/307, as well as the request of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly to prepare long-term arrangements concerning the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the Assembly with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism, in consultation with regional groups, and to submit them to the Assembly not later than at the seventy-second session.

21. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 44 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly

encouraged Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees.

C. Opening and closing dates of the session

22. In accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure, the seventy-second regular session of the General Assembly shall begin on Tuesday, 12 September 2017.

23. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the seventy-second session of the Assembly recess on Monday, 11 December 2017 and close on Monday, 17 September 2018 (rule 2 of the rules of procedure and para. 4 of annex IV to the rules of procedure).

24. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee complete its work by Thursday, 2 November, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by Tuesday, 7 November, the Second Committee and the Third Committee by Wednesday, 22 November, the Fifth Committee by Friday, 8 December, and the Sixth Committee by Friday, 10 November 2017.[3]

D. Seating arrangements

25. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Czechia. The other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order and the same order will be observed in the Main Committees. In accordance with established practice, the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Secretary will occupy the seats at the podium during formal plenary meetings.

26. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 42 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly decided that, with due consideration given to accessibility issues, in all plenary meetings of the General Assembly, including plenary meetings of high-level events, the seating arrangement of Member States shall follow English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of the country selected by lot each year and avoiding distinctions between Member States as to the rank of the head of delegation.

E. Schedule of meetings

27. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, in view of financial constraints, meetings at Headquarters will not be serviced beyond 6 p.m. or on weekends. Consequently, meetings should start promptly at 10 a.m. and be adjourned by 6 p.m. on weekdays. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly strongly urged all officers presiding over meetings of the Assembly to start such meetings on time.

28. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 1 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, which reads:

[3] A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications (see para. 69).

With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.

29. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 4 of resolution 71/262, in which the Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 53/208 A, 54/248, 55/222, 56/242, 57/283 B, 58/250, 59/265, 60/236 A, 61/236, 62/225, 63/248, 64/230, 65/245, 66/233, 67/237 and 68/251 concerning Orthodox Good Friday and the official holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and requested all intergovernmental bodies to observe those decisions when planning their meetings.

30. The Secretary-General further wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraphs 5 to 9 of resolution 69/250, in which the Assembly acknowledged the significance of the following holidays and observances and invited United Nations bodies at Headquarters and other duty stations where observed to avoid holding meetings on those days, and in this regard encouraged this arrangement be taken into account when drafting future calendars of conferences and meetings: Yom Kippur (29 September 2017, observed), Day of Vesak (to be determined), Diwali (19 October 2017, observed), Gurpurab (3 November 2017) and Orthodox Christmas (to be determined).

31. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly, in the case of plenary meetings, and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee, in the case of Main Committee meetings, be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

32. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 40 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly encouraged the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the Assembly.

33. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 38 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly reiterated its invitation to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate.

34. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that, in accordance with past practice, the Assembly holds a single debate on the items on its agenda, and that a specific mandate from the Assembly is needed for any additional debates.

F. General debate

35. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to resolution 57/301, the general debate for the seventy-second session shall begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 September 2017. The Secretary-General recommends that the general debate continue on Saturday, 23 September, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week. The general debate will continue on Monday, 25 September. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be transferred to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work. Furthermore, there shall be no time limits for statements in the general debate but the Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

36. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 58/126, the theme "Focusing on people: striving for peace and a decent life for all on a sustainable planet" has been proposed for the general debate at the seventy-second session.

G. Conduct of meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements

37. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the relevant rules of procedure regarding the conduct of meetings, namely, rules 35, 68, 72, 73, 99 (b), 106, 109, 114 and 115.

38. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 32 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly recalled rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and called for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, and in particular during the general debate, the high-level meetings of the Assembly and the high-level thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly.

39. The General Committee may further wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, the format of debates in plenary should include statements, as applicable, by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, Member States and observers, unless otherwise mandated by the Assembly, and that the consideration of draft proposals would take place following the conclusion of the debate.

40. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 33 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly invited Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly, especially when very limited time is available for debate, to consider recommending the "all protocol observed" principle, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing of standard protocol expressions during their statements.

41. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in the plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in the plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee; and that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item (decision 34/401, paras. 6-8 (A/520/Rev.18, annex V)).

42. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

43. The General Committee may further wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in order to save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers (decision 34/401, para. 17 (A/520/Rev.18, annex V)).

44. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly invited Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the Chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

45. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the voting results are final once the voting process has concluded in the Assembly. Delegations may submit voting intention forms provided by the Secretariat in order to clarify their voting intentions, which will be further reflected in the official records of the meetings.

46. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that, once the Assembly adopts a draft resolution or decision, Member States can no longer join in sponsoring it. Likewise, when a Main Committee has adopted a proposal and recommends its adoption by the Assembly, Member States can no longer join in sponsoring that proposal.

47. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly decided that the names of candidates for election by the General Assembly or by the Main Committees shall be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names shall be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space shall be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable; and that on the day of election in the General Assembly or in the Main Committees the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room shall be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly.

H. Records of meetings

48. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, as at past sessions, during the seventy-second session, verbatim records will continue to be provided for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the First Committee, and summary records will be provided for the other Main Committees and the General Committee of the Assembly. In paragraph 76 of resolution 66/246, the Assembly stressed the importance of an open, transparent and all-inclusive United Nations, and decided to approve the live webcasting, and subsequent web storage, of all the formal meetings of its six Main Committees.

49. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents has been discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records and that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body

concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents (resolution 38/32 E, paras. 8-9).

50. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the seventy-second session.

51. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that members who wish to make observations in the nature of rights of reply to addresses by Heads of State should submit their observations in writing for circulation as an Assembly document. At the 2377th meeting of the thirtieth session of the Assembly, in 1975, the President indicated that he did not consider it appropriate for oral rights of reply to be exercised in relation to addresses made by Heads of State. He further indicated that he would see no objection to observations in the nature of rights of reply to such addresses when made in writing. This has become a practice of the Assembly.

I. Resolutions

52. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that:

- Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted (decision 34/401, para. 32 (A/520/Rev.18, annex V))
- Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of those resolutions or the continued examination of the question[4]
- In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particular as regards the preambular part, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs (resolution 57/270 B, para. 69)
- Whenever possible, for the adoption by the General Assembly of agreed texts of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 1 (A/520/Rev.18, annex VII, para. 1))
- The terms "takes note of" and "notes" are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval (decision 55/488, annex)

53. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 23 of the annex to resolution 60/286, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise, focused and action-oriented form, and paragraph 21 of resolution 66/294, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to continue to consult on the consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work, to exercise the fullest possible discipline in striving for concise

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49), para. 21, recommendation 3 (f).

resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content, and to focus on key themes, and called upon them to observe existing submission deadlines so as to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies.

54. The Secretary-General encourages Member States to transmit all draft resolutions and decisions in accordance with the guidelines for submission outlined by the Secretariat.[5]

55. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the numbering of resolutions and decisions are sequential, and that resolutions or decisions containing identical titles will be assigned identical symbols followed by a letter designation (e.g. "A" and "B").

J. Documentation

56. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs that do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned (decision 34/401, para. 28 (A/520/Rev.18, annex V)).

57. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section III of resolution 57/283 B regarding the timely issuance of documents in the six official languages of the Assembly. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 59/313, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation and reports are issued well in advance, in keeping with the six-week rule for the issuance of official documentation simultaneously in all official languages (see resolution 47/202).

58. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolutions 48/264 and 55/285, in which the Assembly emphasized that restraint should be exercised in making requests for new reports and requested more integrated reports, and to resolution 57/270 B, in which it recognized the need to avoid requesting duplicative reports from the Secretary-General.

59. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 67/297, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to continue to consult on the consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work, and to exercise the fullest possible discipline in striving for concise resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content and to focus on key themes; and further called on them to observe existing submission deadlines so as to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies.

60. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 49 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States to make, to the extent possible, full use of the e-services provided by the Secretariat, in order to save costs and reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents, and, in that regard, requested the Secretariat to further improve, harmonize and, where appropriate, unify such services,

[5] www.un.org/en/ga/guidelines_submission_draft_reso.pdf.

including by making available all the official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States.

61. The General Committee may wish to bring the following to the attention of the General Assembly:

- Resolutions should contain requests for observations from States or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 10 (A/520/Rev.18, annex VII, para. 10))
- Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 17)
- Member States, when seeking additional information, are encouraged to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like (resolution 59/313, para. 17)

62. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to section IV, paragraph 21, of resolution 67/237, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will continue to offer paper-smart services as an additional support to delegations during the seventy-second session.

K. Questions relating to the programme budget

63. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, which reads:

> No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations.

64. Pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat considers the financial implications of all draft resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs. This process begins once the draft is submitted for issuance as a document of the Assembly. Until then, the Secretariat is not in a position to provide any official view as to whether a draft resolution or decision will have financial implications.

65. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the consideration by the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of any proposal involving expenditure before such a proposal is voted on by the Assembly is mandatory and the rule as formulated does not provide for any exceptions.

66. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the need for initiators of proposals with budgetary implications to clarify a timetable at an early stage with the Chair of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) and the Chair of the Advisory Committee

on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in order to ensure full compliance with rule 153.

67. Also with regard to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, and paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 which requires a minimum period of 48 hours before action is taken on a proposal so as to allow the Secretary-General to prepare the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly the fact that, in most cases, more than 48 hours are required for the Secretary-General to review the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly.

68. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 31 of resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly recalled rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and encouraged the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of those rules, within their respective mandates.

69. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.18, annex V), which read:

> 12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work.
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> 13. Furthermore:
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> (a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> (b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
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> (c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
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> (d) A minimum period of 48 hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications.

70. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to regulation 5.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2016/6, first adopted in resolution 37/234, annex; the rules in the present revised edition are issued pursuant to resolutions 67/236 and 70/8), as well as to Assembly resolution 54/236 and its decision 54/474. Regulation 5.9 reads:

> *Regulation 5.9* No council, commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal.

71. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A, in which the Assembly:

> *Decides* that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

72. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section VI of its resolution 45/248 B on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters, in which the Assembly:

> 1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;
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> 2. *Reaffirms* also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
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> 3. *Expresses its concern* at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;
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> 4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

73. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the oral statement of programme budget implications read by the Secretariat prior to the consideration of a proposal containing budgetary implications that would have an impact on future budget periods and that would be included in the proposed programme budget or that would be funded from extrabudgetary resources.

74. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of the phrase "within existing resources"[6] and to the report in which the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform the Assembly thoroughly and accurately about whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity.[7]

75. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 40/243, United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for.[8]

76. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that all activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal arrangements, ought to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations, may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A* (A/38/7/Add.1-23), document A/38/7/Add.16.

[7] Ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/54/7).

[8] Ibid.

sufficient funding is received, in advance, from States parties and States not parties participating in the meetings.

77. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provision contained in paragraph 11 of resolution 69/250, in which the Assembly invited Member States to include in new legislative mandates adequate information on the modalities for the organization of conferences or meetings.

78. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the estimated conference servicing-related costs of convening an additional two meetings of up to three hours each in length during working hours, which are $12,000, and during weekends, which are $37,295 on a Saturday and $37,727 on a Sunday,* and that those costs do not include additional services relating to substantive support by a Secretariat office, webcast services or costs relating to the holding of meetings outside of working hours, among others.

79. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the estimated costs relating to the issuance of an additional report or note by the Secretariat not exceeding 8,500 words in length when originating in the Secretariat or 10,700 words when not originating in the Secretariat, which are $27,800 for 8,500 words and $34,800 for 10,700 words,* and that those costs relate to the editing, translation and issuance of the document and do not include additional services relating to substantive support in the drafting of its content.

L. Observances and commemorative meetings

80. Considering past practice, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chairs of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country.

81. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the practice of the Assembly to hold a formal plenary meeting to pay tribute to the memory a deceased national leader who was the sitting Head of State at the time of death. In the case of the passing of a former Head of State, there is no such formal plenary meeting.

III. Adoption of the agenda

82. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the seventy-second session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the seventy-second regular session (A/72/150);

(b) List of supplementary items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the seventy-second session (A/72/200).

83. In addition, the General Assembly, by its decision 71/558, decided to include in the draft agenda of the seventy-second session the item entitled "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic". By its decision 71/561, the Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of the seventy-second session the sub-item entitled "Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns" of the item

* The estimate is based on costs as at 12 September 2017 and is subject to change.

entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments". By its decision 71/564, the Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of the seventy-second session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union" of the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations". The items thus proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 88 below.

84. In paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the agenda of the Assembly should be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in each medium-term plan or in the strategic framework, as appropriate, with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters", for the purpose of giving a sense of structure to the work of the Assembly. Since the fifty-ninth session the agenda of the General Assembly has been structured accordingly.

85. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions pertaining to the review and coordination of the agenda, namely, annex I to resolution 48/264, the annex to resolution 51/241, the annex to resolution 55/285, paragraph 60 of resolution 57/270 B, and paragraphs 2 and 4 of the annex to resolution 58/316.

86. Bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the General Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the General Committee may wish to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the current session (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 23-26).

87. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to decision 49/426, whereby the General Assembly decided that the granting of observer status in the Assembly should in future be confined to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly (see also para. 91).

88. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 82 to 87 above, the draft agenda of the seventy-second session would consist of the following items:

Draft agenda organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization*

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [P.1].
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [P.2].
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventy-second session of the General Assembly [P.3]:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly [P.4].[10]
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [P.5].[10]

* Abbreviations used in the present document:
[P]: Item on the provisional agenda (A/72/150).
[S]: Item on the supplementary list (A/72/200).

[10] In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will hold these elections for its seventy-second session at least three months before the opening of that session.

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [P.6].[10]

7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee [P.7].

8. General debate [P.8].

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council [P.9].

10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS [P.10].

11. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal [P.11].

12. Improving global road safety [P.12].

13. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [P.13].

14. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [P.14].

15. Culture of peace [P.15].

16. Information and communications technologies for development [P.17].

17. Macroeconomic policy questions [P.18]:

    (a) International trade and development;

    (b) International financial system and development;

    (c) External debt sustainability and development;

    (d) Commodities;

    (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development;

    (f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development.

18. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development [P.19].

19. Sustainable development [P.20]:

    (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

    (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

    (c) Disaster risk reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Education for sustainable development;

(h) Harmony with Nature;

(i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;

(j) Combating sand and dust storms.

20. Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [P.21].

21. Globalization and interdependence [P.22]:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) Science, technology and innovation for development;

(c) Culture and sustainable development;

(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

22. Groups of countries in special situations [P.23]:

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

23. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [P.24]:

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development.

24. Operational activities for development [P.25]:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) South-South cooperation for development.

25. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition [P.26].

26. Towards global partnerships [P.27].

27. Social development [P.28]:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.

28. Advancement of women [P.29]:

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

29. Report of the Security Council [P.30].

30. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [P.31].

31. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [P.32].

32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [P.33].

33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [P.34].

34. Prevention of armed conflict [P.35]:

(a) Prevention of armed conflict;

(b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.

35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [P.36].

36. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.[11]

37. The situation in the Middle East [P.37].

38. Question of Palestine [P.38].

39. The situation in Afghanistan [P.39].

40. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [P.40].

41. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [P.41].

42. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [P.42].

43. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [P.43].[12]

44. Question of Cyprus [P.44].[13]

45. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo [P.45].[13]

46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [P.46].[13]

[11] In accordance with General Assembly decision 71/558 (see para. 83).

[12] In accordance with decision 60/508, this item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

[13] In accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, this item remains on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

47. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [P.47].[13]

48. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [P.48].[13]

49. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [P.49].[13]

50. Assistance in mine action [P.50].

51. Effects of atomic radiation [P.51].

52. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [P.52]:

    (a) International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space;

    (b) Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability.

53. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [P.53].

54. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [P.54].

55. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [P.55].

56. Comprehensive review of special political missions [P.56].

57. Questions relating to information [P.57].

58. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [P.58].

59. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [P.59].

60. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [P.60].

61. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [P.61].

62. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [P.62].

63. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India [P.63].

64. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [P.64].

65. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [P.65].

66. Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [P.66].

67. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova [S.3].

C. Development of Africa

68. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [P.67]:

(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

69. Report of the Human Rights Council [P.68].

70. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [P.69]:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

71. Rights of indigenous peoples [P.70]:

(a) Rights of indigenous peoples;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

72. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [P.71]:

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

73. Right of peoples to self-determination [P.72].

74. Promotion and protection of human rights [P.73]:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

75. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [P.74]:

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

    (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

    (c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

76. Report of the International Court of Justice [P.75].

77. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [P.76].

78. Report of the International Criminal Court [P.77].

79. Oceans and the law of the sea [P.78]:

    (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

    (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

80. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [P.79].

81. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fiftieth session [P.80].

82. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [P.81].

83. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-ninth session [P.82].

84. Expulsion of aliens [P.83].

85. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [P.84].

86. The rule of law at the national and international levels [P.85].

87. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction [P.86].

88. Effects of armed conflicts on treaties [P.87].

89. Responsibility of international organizations [P.88].

90. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 [P.89].

G. Disarmament

91. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [P.90].

92. Reduction of military budgets [P.91]:

    (a) Reduction of military budgets;

    (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

93. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace [P.92].

94. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty [P.93].

95. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament [P.94].

96. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [P.95].

97. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [P.96].

98. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [P.97].

99. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [P.98]:

    (a) Prevention of an arms race in outer space;

    (b) No first placement of weapons in outer space.

100. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [P.99].

101. General and complete disarmament [P.100]:

    (a) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

    (b) Nuclear disarmament;

    (c) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (d) Relationship between disarmament and development;

    (e) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

    (f) Regional disarmament;

    (g) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

    (h) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

    (i) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

    (j) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

    (k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;

(l) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(m) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(n) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(o) Reducing nuclear danger;

(p) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(r) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(s) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(t) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(u) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(w) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

(x) The Arms Trade Treaty;

(y) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);

(z) United action with renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

(aa) Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments;

(bb) Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations;

(cc) Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament;

(dd) Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices;

(ee) Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons;

(ff) Humanitarian pledge for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons;

(gg) Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world;

(hh) Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions;

(ii) Nuclear disarmament verification.

102. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [P.101]:

(a) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament.

103. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [P.102]:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

104. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [P.103].

105. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [P.104].

106. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [P.105].

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108. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [P.107].

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

109. Crime prevention and criminal justice [P.108].

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112. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [P.111].

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115. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs [P.114]:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;

(l) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(m) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(n) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(o) Reducing nuclear danger;

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(q) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(r) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(s) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(t) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(u) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(w) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

(x) The Arms Trade Treaty;

(y) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);

(z) United action with renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

(aa) Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments;

(bb) Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations;

(cc) Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament;

(dd) Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices;

(ee) Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons;

(ff) Humanitarian pledge for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons;

(gg) Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world;

(hh) Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

116. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections [P.115]:

(a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(c) Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(d) Election of fifteen members of the Human Rights Council.

117. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [P.116]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission;

(ii) Designation of the Vice-Chair of the Commission;

(e) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

(f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(g) Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns;[14]

(h) Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(i) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal.

118. Admission of new Members to the United Nations [P.117].

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120. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [P.119].

121. Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [P.120].

122. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [P.121].

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [P.122].

124. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [P.123].

[14] In accordance with General Assembly decision 71/561 (see para. 83).

(ii) Nuclear disarmament verification.

102. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

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(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

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107. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

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I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 111).

139. Programme planning (see paras. 112-113).

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5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

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50. Assistance in mine action.

51. Effects of atomic radiation.

52. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space:

125. Strengthening of the United Nations system [P.124].

126. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [P.125].

127. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union.[15]

128. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [P.127].

129. Global health and foreign policy [P.128].

130. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [P.129].

131. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [P.130].

132. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him [P.131].

133. Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy [P.133].

134. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity [S.2].

135. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [P.134]:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(c) International Trade Centre;

(d) United Nations University;

(e) Capital master plan;

(f) United Nations Development Programme;

(g) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(h) United Nations Children's Fund;

(i) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(j) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(k) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(l) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(m) United Nations Population Fund;

(n) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(o) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

(p) United Nations Office for Project Services;

[15] In accordance with General Assembly decision 71/564 (see para. 83).

(q) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

(r) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(s) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(t) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals;

(u) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

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137. Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [P.136].

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139. Programme planning [P.138].

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141. Pattern of conferences [P.140].

142. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [P.141].

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149. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [P.148].

150. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [P.149].

151. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [P.150].

152. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei [P.151].

153. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic [P.152].

154. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire [P.153].

155. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [P.154].

156. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [P.155].

157. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [P.156].

158. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti [P.157].

159. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [P.158].

160. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [P.159].

161. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali [P.160].

162. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [P.161]:

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

163. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan [P.162].

164. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [P.163].

165. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur [P.164].

166. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) [P.165].

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169. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly [P.168].

170. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly [P.169].

171. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly [P.170].

172. Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in the General Assembly [P.171].

173. Observer status for the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office in the General Assembly [P.172].

174. Observer status for the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism in the General Assembly [S.1].

175. Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly [S.4].

176. Observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the General Assembly [S.5].

IV. Allocation of items

89. The allocation of items described in paragraph 115 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years and organized under the headings of the draft agenda in paragraph 88 above. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions and decisions dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items, namely, decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.18, annex V), resolution 39/88 B, resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.18, annexes VI and VII), annex I to resolution 48/264 and the annex to resolution 51/241.

90. The Secretary-General also wishes to call the attention of the General Committee to subparagraphs 4 (c), (e), (i) and (l) of the annex to resolution 58/316 and paragraph 26 of resolution 61/134 relevant to the allocation of items for the seventy-second session.

91. The Secretary-General would like to recall that any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly will be considered in plenary meeting after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (resolution 54/195).

92. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

17. Macroeconomic policy questions:

    (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development;

    (f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development.

19. Sustainable development:

    (j) Combating sand and dust storms.

52. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space:

    (b) Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability.

67. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

84. Expulsion of aliens.

101. General and complete disarmament:

    (ii) Nuclear disarmament verification.

133. Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy.

134. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

167. Financing of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti.

172. Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in the General Assembly.

173. Observer status for the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office in the General Assembly.

174. Observer status for the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism in the General Assembly.

175. Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly.

176. Observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the General Assembly.

93. Owing to the nature of sub-items (e) and (f) of item 17 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that they be allocated to the Second Committee.

94. Owing to the nature of sub-item (j) of item 19 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the Second Committee.

95. Owing to the nature of sub-item (b) of item 52 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated jointly to the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee.

96. The sponsor of item 67 of the draft agenda suggests that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

97. Owing to the nature of item 84 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

98. Owing to the nature of sub-item (ii) of item 101 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the First Committee.

99. Owing to the nature of item 133 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

100. The sponsors of item 134 of the draft agenda suggest that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

101. Owing to the nature of item 167 of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

102. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 54/195, items 172 to 176 of the draft agenda should be allocated to the Sixth Committee, under heading I, "Organizational, administrative and other matters" (see para. 87).

103. In connection with item 9 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to resolution 58/316, in which the General Assembly decided to consider the item in its entirety in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. The General Committee will recall that, at the fifty-ninth session, it took note of a clarification regarding consideration of the relevant parts of chapter I of the report by the Main Committees concerned. The General Committee may wish to recommend that the Assembly, when considering item 9 in its entirety in plenary meeting, take note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution 58/316, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council will be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.

104. With regard to item 14 of the draft agenda (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution 57/270 B, in which the General Assembly decided to consider under the item the chapters of the annual report of the Economic and Social Council relevant to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including through the participation in its discussions of the President of the Council.

105. Also in connection with item 14, as well as item 119 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 56 of resolution 60/265, in which the General Assembly decided to dedicate a specific meeting focused on development, including an assessment of progress over the previous year, at each session of the Assembly.

106. In connection with item 69 of the draft agenda (Report of the Human Rights Council), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 6 of resolution 65/281, by which the General Assembly decided to continue its practice of allocating the item to the plenary and the Third Committee, in accordance with its decision 65/503 A, with the additional understanding that the President of the Council would present the report in her or his capacity as President to the plenary of the Assembly and the Third Committee and that the Third Committee would hold an interactive dialogue with the President of the Council at the time of her or his presentation of the report of the Council to the Committee.

107. With regard to item 72 of the draft agenda (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 27 of resolution 71/181, by which the General Assembly decided to continue convening annual commemorative meetings of the Assembly during the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

108. In connection with item 101 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 91, deal with the subject matter of item 101. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report be brought to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 101.

109. With regard to item 109 of the draft agenda (Crime prevention and criminal justice), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 1 of resolution 71/287, by which the General Assembly decided that the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons would be held on Wednesday, 27 September, and Thursday, 28 September 2017.

110. With regard to item 112 of the draft agenda (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization), pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 10 of resolution 51/241 and as at previous sessions, the Secretary-General wishes to make a brief presentation of his annual report[16] as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate on Tuesday, 19 September 2017.

111. In connection with item 123 of the draft agenda (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to resolutions 58/316, 59/313 and 71/323. In order to facilitate the work of the Main Committees, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly also allocate item 123 to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

112. With regard to item 139 of the draft agenda (Programme planning), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 2 of resolution 71/6, by which the General Assembly re-emphasized the role of the plenary and the Main Committees

[16] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/72/1).

of the Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2016/6).

113. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 2 of resolution 61/235, by which the Assembly requested the General Committee to take fully into account resolutions 56/253, 57/282, 59/275 and 60/257 in the allocation of agenda items to the Main Committees. The Secretary-General further wishes to recall paragraph 9 of resolution 60/257, by which the Assembly took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/60/73) and encouraged intergovernmental bodies to make use of the findings in the programme performance report of the Secretary-General and evaluation reports in planning and policymaking. On that basis, the Secretary-General suggests that the General Committee recommend the allocation of item 139 to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

114. With regard to item 148 of the draft agenda (Administration of justice at the United Nations), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution 64/119, by which the General Assembly approved the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal; and paragraph 46 of resolution 71/266, by which the Assembly invited the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. On that basis, the Secretary-General suggests that the General Committee recommend the allocation of item 148 to the Fifth Committee and the Sixth Committee.

115. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 93 to 114 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda would be as follows:[17]

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventy-second session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
8. General debate.

[17] The numbers are those of the items of the draft agenda in paragraph 88 above.

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 103).

10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS.

11. Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal.

12. Improving global road safety.

13. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

14. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (see paras. 104-105).

15. Culture of peace.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

29. Report of the Security Council.

30. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission.

31. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion.

32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.

33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.

34. Prevention of armed conflict:

    (a) Prevention of armed conflict;

    (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.

35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.

36. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic.

37. The situation in the Middle East.

38. Question of Palestine.

39. The situation in Afghanistan.

40. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

41. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte.

42. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.

43. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.

44. Question of Cyprus.

45. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

47. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.

48. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security.

49. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.

66. Peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

67. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova (see para. 96).

C. Development of Africa

68. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

69. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 106).

72. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see para. 107).

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

75. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

76. Report of the International Court of Justice.

77. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

78. Report of the International Criminal Court.

79. Oceans and the law of the sea:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

90. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965.

G. Disarmament

91. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see para. 108).

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

109. Crime prevention and criminal justice (see para. 109).

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

112. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (see para. 110).

113. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund.

114. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

115. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

116. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(c) Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(d) Election of fifteen members of the Human Rights Council.

117. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[18]

(f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

[18] For sub-items (a) to (e), see Fifth Committee.

(g) Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns;

(h) Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(i) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal.

118. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

119. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (see para. 105).

120. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

121. Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade.

122. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 111).

124. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council.

125. Strengthening of the United Nations system.

126. United Nations reform: measures and proposals.

127. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union.

128. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

129. Global health and foreign policy.

130. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

131. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

132. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him.

133. Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy.

134. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity (see para. 100).

139. Programme planning (see paras. 112-113).

First Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

52. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space:

(b) Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability (see para. 95).

G. Disarmament

92. Reduction of military budgets:

(a) Reduction of military budgets;

(b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

93. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

94. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty.

95. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament.

96. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

97. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

98. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

99. Prevention of an arms race in outer space:

(a) Prevention of an arms race in outer space;

(b) No first placement of weapons in outer space.

100. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

101. General and complete disarmament:

(a) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(b) Nuclear disarmament;

(c) Notification of nuclear tests;

(d) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(e) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(f) Regional disarmament;

(g) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(h) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(i) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(j) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(a) International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space;

(b) Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability (see para. 95).

53. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

54. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

55. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

56. Comprehensive review of special political missions.

57. Questions relating to information.

58. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

59. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

60. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

61. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

62. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

63. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 111).

129. Programme planning (see paras. 112-113).

Second Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

16. Information and communications technologies for development.

17. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) International trade and development;

(b) International financial system and development;

(c) External debt sustainability and development;

(d) Commodities;

(e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development;

(f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development.

18. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.

19. Sustainable development:

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) Disaster risk reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Education for sustainable development;

(h) Harmony with Nature;

(i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;

(j) Combating sand and dust storms.

20. Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

21. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) Science, technology and innovation for development;

(c) Culture and sustainable development;

(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

22. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

23. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development.

24. Operational activities for development:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) South-South cooperation for development.

25. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition.

26. Towards global partnerships.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

64. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 111).

139. Programme planning (see paras. 112-113).

Third Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

27. Social development:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.

28. Advancement of women:

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

65. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

D. Promotion of human rights

69. Report of the Human Rights Council (see para. 106).

70. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

71. Rights of indigenous peoples:

(a) Rights of indigenous peoples;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

72. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see para. 107):

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

73. Right of peoples to self-determination.

74. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

109. Crime prevention and criminal justice (see para. 109).

110. International drug control.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 111).

139. Programme planning (see paras. 112-113).

Fifth Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

117. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[19]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission:

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission;

(ii) Designation of the Vice-Chair of the Commission;

(e) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee.

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 111).

135. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(c) International Trade Centre;

(d) United Nations University;

(e) Capital master plan;

(f) United Nations Development Programme;

(g) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(h) United Nations Children's Fund;

(i) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(j) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(k) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(l) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(m) United Nations Population Fund;

(n) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(o) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

(p) United Nations Office for Project Services;

[19] For sub-items (f) to (h), see plenary meetings.

(q) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

(r) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(s) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(t) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals;

(u) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

136. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

137. Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

138. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

139. Programme planning (see paras. 112-113).

140. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

141. Pattern of conferences.

142. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

143. Human resources management.

144. Joint Inspection Unit.

145. United Nations common system.

146. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

147. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

148. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 114).

149. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

150. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

151. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

152. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.

153. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic.

154. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

155. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

156. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

157. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.

158. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

159. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

160. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

161. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.

162. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

163. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan.

164. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

165. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

166. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009).

167. Financing of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (see para. 101).

Sixth Committee

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

80. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.

81. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fiftieth session.

82. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

83. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-ninth session.

84. Expulsion of aliens (see para. 97).

85. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

86. The rule of law at the national and international levels.

87. The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

88. Effects of armed conflicts on treaties.

89. Responsibility of international organizations.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

111. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

123. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 111).

139. Programme planning (see paras. 112-113).

148. Administration of justice at the United Nations (see para. 114).

168. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

169. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly.

170. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly.

171. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly.

172. Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in the General Assembly (see para. 102).

173. Observer status for the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office in the General Assembly (see para. 102).

174. Observer status for the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism in the General Assembly (see para. 102).

175. Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly (see para. 102).

176. Observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the General Assembly (see para. 102).